

NUVEEN CALIFORNIA DIVIDEND ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND  
Form N-Q  
January 29, 2009

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

**FORM N-Q**

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number 811-09161

**Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**Nuveen Investments**

**333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

**Kevin J. McCarthy Vice President and Secretary**

**333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606**

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 312-917-7700

Date of fiscal year end: 02/28

Date of reporting period: 11/30/08

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**Item 1. Schedule of Investments**

**Portfolio of Investments (Unaudited)**

**Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NAC)**

*November 30, 2008*

**Principal**

**Amount (000) Description (1)**

**Consumer Staples □ 5.6% (3.7% of Total Investments)**

|       |        |  |
|-------|--------|--|
| \$    | 1,145  | California County Tobacco Securitization Agency, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Sonoma County Tobacco Securitization Corporation, Series 2005, 4.250%, 6/01/21 |
|       | 7,500  | Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Enhanced Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-1, 5.750%, 6/01/47                           |
|       | 24,265 | Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Enhanced Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2007A-2, 0.000%, 6/01/37                           |
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|       | 32,910 | Total Consumer Staples   |

**Education and Civic Organizations □ 7.2% (4.7% of Total Investments)**

|       |        |   |
|-------|--------|---|
|       | 290    | California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Redlands, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 10/01/35  |
|       | 10,000 | California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of Southern California, Series 2007A, 4.500%, 10/01/33 (UB)                                      |
|       |        | California Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, University of the Pacific, Series 2006:   |
|       | 200    | 5.000%, 11/01/21  |
|       | 265    | 5.000%, 11/01/25  |
|       | 4,685  | California State Public Works Board, Lease Revenue Bonds, University of California Regents, Trust 1065, 8.923%, 3/01/33 (IF)  |
|       | 615    | California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Notre Dame de Namur University, Series 2003, 6.500%, 10/01/23                                      |
|       | 3,000  | Long Beach Bond Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Long Beach Aquarium of the South Pacific, Series 2001, 5.500%, 11/01/17 □ AMBAC Insured |
|       | 3,500  | University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2003A, 5.125%, 5/15/17 □ AMBAC Insured (UB)   |
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|       | 22,555 | Total Education and Civic Organizations   |

**Health Care □ 18.7% (12.3% of Total Investments)**

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|  | 2,160  | California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Health Facility Revenue Bonds, Adventist Health System/West, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 3/01/15       |
|  |        | California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2006:  |
|  | 660    | 5.000%, 4/01/37  |
|  | 10,140 | 5.250%, 3/01/45  |
|  | 10,000 | California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 11/15/42 □ MBIA Insured                      |
|  | 5,655  | California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sutter Health, Series 2008, Trust 3146, 11.686%, 11/15/46 (IF)                    |
|  | 1,120  | California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Adventist Health System West, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 3/01/35                 |
|  | 1,586  | California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Saint Joseph Health System, Trust 2554, 14.196%, 7/01/47 □ FSA Insured (IF) |
|  |        | California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, ValleyCare Health System, Series 2007A:                                     |
|  | 1,000  | 4.800%, 7/15/17  |

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| 3,325  | 5.125%, 7/15/31  |
| 9,280  | California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2006, 5.000%, 3/01/41                      |
| 3,095  | California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 2001C, 5.250%, 8/01/31                     |
| 2,225  | California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Trust 11672, 17.363%, 3/01/41 ☐ BHAC Insured (IF) |
| 10,500 | Duarte, California, Certificates of Participation, City of Hope National Medical Center, Series 1999A, 5.250%, 4/01/31                           |
| 2,860  | Loma Linda, California, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Loma Linda University Medical Center, Series 2008A, 8.250%, 12/01/38                             |
| 2,570  | Rancho Mirage Joint Powers Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Eisenhower Medical Center, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 7/01/38              |

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66,176 Total Health Care

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**Housing/Multifamily ☐ 2.4% (1.6% of Total Investments)**

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|-------|---|
| 5,000 | Contra Costa County, California, Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Delta View Apartments Project, Series 1999C, 6.750%, 12/01/30 (Alternative Minimum Tax) |
| 320   | Independent Cities Lease Finance Authority, California, Mobile Home Park Revenue Bonds, San Juan Mobile Estates, Series 2006B, 5.850%, 5/15/41              |
| 1,725 | Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Senior Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz Mobile Home Park, Series 2003A, 5.750%, 9/15/38                         |
| 1,120 | Rohnert Park Finance Authority, California, Subordinate Lien Revenue Bonds, Rancho Feliz Mobile Home Park, Series 2003B, 6.625%, 9/15/38                    |

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8,165 Total Housing/Multifamily

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**Housing/Single Family ☐ 0.6% (0.4% of Total Investments)**

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| 1,670 | California Housing Finance Agency, California, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2008, Trust 3137, 13.692%, 8/01/37 (Alternative Minimum Tax) (IF) |
| 770   | California Housing Finance Agency, Home Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2006H, 5.750%, 8/01/30 ☐ FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)               |

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2,440 Total Housing/Single Family

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**Industrials ☐ 1.7% (1.1% of Total Investments)**

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| 2,000 | California Pollution Control Financing Authority, Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds, Waste Management Inc., Series 2002A, 5.000%, 1/01/22 (Alternative Minimum Tax) |
| 5,120 | California Statewide Communities Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, EnerTech Regional Biosolids Project, Series 2007A, 5.500%, 12/01/33 (Alternative Minimum Tax) |

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7,120 Total Industrials

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**Long-Term Care ☐ 2.4% (1.6% of Total Investments)**

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| 8,500 | Riverside County Public Financing Authority, California, Certificates of Participation, Air Force Village West, Series 1999, 5.800%, 5/15/29 |
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**Tax Obligation/General □ 12.8% (8.4% of Total Investments)**

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| 4,150 | California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.125%, 4/01/25  |
| 4,435 | California, General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2002, 6.000%, 4/01/16 □ AMBAC Insured  |
| 5,000 | Coast Community College District, Orange County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006B, 5.000%, 8/01/24 □ FSA Insured                                  |
| 3,425 | Coast Community College District, Orange County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006C, 0.000%, 8/01/31 □ FSA Insured                                  |
| 5,150 | Hacienda La Puente Unified School District Facilities Financing Authority, California, General Obligation Revenue Bonds, Series 2007, 5.000%, 8/01/26 □ FSA Insured |
| 5,210 | Oak Valley Hospital District, Stanislaus County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2005, 5.000%, 7/01/35 □ FGIC Insured                                  |
| 575   | Roseville Joint Union High School District, Placer County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006B, 5.000%, 8/01/27 □ FGIC Insured                       |
| 5,000 | San Diego Unified School District, San Diego County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003E, 5.250%, 7/01/20 □ FSA Insured                              |
| 3,605 | West Contra Costa Unified School District, Contra Costa County, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003B, 5.000%, 8/01/21 □ FSA Insured                   |

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36,550 Total Tax Obligation/General

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**Tax Obligation/Limited □ 38.3% (25.2% of Total Investments)**

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|        | Beaumont Financing Authority, California, Local Agency Revenue Bonds, Series 2004D:  |
| 1,000  | 5.500%, 9/01/24  |
| 615    | 5.800%, 9/01/35  |
| 1,990  | Borrego Water District, California, Community Facilities District 2007-1 Montesoro, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2007, 5.750%, 8/01/25                          |
| 1,990  | Brentwood Infrastructure Financing Authority, California, Infrastructure Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.125%, 9/02/24 □ FSA Insured                |
|        | Brentwood Infrastructure Financing Authority, Contra Costa County, California, Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2001:                               |
| 1,110  | 5.375%, 11/01/18 □ FSA Insured   |
| 1,165  | 5.375%, 11/01/19 □ FSA Insured   |
| 2,000  | Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 90-2 □ Talega, Series 2003, 6.000%, 9/01/33  |
| 710    | Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/24 □ FGIC Insured |
| 1,225  | Chino Redevelopment Agency, California, Merged Chino Redevelopment Project Area Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 9/01/38 □ AMBAC Insured           |
| 3,490  | Fontana, California, Senior Special Tax Refunding Bonds, Heritage Village Community Facilities District 2, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 9/01/17 □ MBIA Insured      |
| 1,125  | Fontana, California, Special Tax Bonds, Sierra Community Facilities District 22, Series 2004, 6.000%, 9/01/34  |
| 3,980  | Garden Grove, California, Certificates of Participation, Financing Project, Series 2002A, 5.500%, 3/01/22 □ AMBAC Insured                                    |
|        | Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A:                                    |
| 37,695 | 5.000%, 6/01/35 □ FGIC Insured   |

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4,395 5.000%, 6/01/38 □ FGIC Insured

2,850 Hesperia Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/35 □ SYNCORA GTY Insured

4,500 Inglewood Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Merged Area Redevelopment Project, Series 1998A, 5.250%, 5/01/23 □ AMBAC Insured

Irvine, California, Unified School District, Community Facilities District Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006A:

345 5.000%, 9/01/26

795 5.125%, 9/01/36

675 Lammersville School District, San Joaquin County, California, Community Facilities District 2002, Mountain House Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006, 5.125%, 9/01/35

2,000 Lee Lake Water District, Riverside County, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 1 of Sycamore Creek, Series 2003, 6.500%, 9/01/24

1,000 Lindsay Redevelopment Agency, California, Project 1 Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2007, 5.000%, 8/01/37 □ RAAI Insured

1,290 Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Lease Revenue Bonds, Manchester Social Services Project, Series 2005, 5.000%, 9/01/37 □ AMBAC Insured

1,750 Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, California, Proposition C Second Senior Lien Sales Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1998A, 5.000%, 7/01/23 □ AMBAC Insured

1,530 Moreno Valley Unified School District, Riverside County, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2005, 5.000%, 3/01/24 □ FSA Insured

3,500 Murrieta Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 8/01/37 □ MBIA Insured

9,200 Norco Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Project Area 1, Series 2001, 5.000%, 3/01/19 □ MBIA Insured

North Natomas Community Facilities District 4, Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2006D:

545 5.000%, 9/01/26

250 5.000%, 9/01/33

3,290 Oakland Redevelopment Agency, California, Subordinate Lien Tax Allocation Bonds, Central District Redevelopment Project, Series 2003, 5.500%, 9/01/16 □ FGIC Insured

5,600 Palm Springs Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Convention Center Project, Series 2001A, 5.000%, 11/01/22 □ MBIA Insured

1,000 Palmdale Community Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Redevelopment Project Areas, Series 2004, 5.000%, 12/01/24 □ AMBAC Insured

1,570 Poway Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Paguay Redevelopment Project, Series 2000, 5.750%, 6/15/33 □ MBIA Insured

620 Rialto Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Bonds, Merged Project Area, Series 2005A, 5.000%, 9/01/35 □ SYNCORA GTY Insured

1,860 Riverside Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Merged Project Areas, Series 2003, 5.250%, 8/01/22 □ MBIA Insured

770 Roseville, California, Certificates of Participation, Public Facilities, Series 2003A, 5.000%, 8/01/25 □ AMBAC Insured

2,500 Sacramento City Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1993A, 5.400%, 11/01/20 □ AMBAC Insured

1,150 Sacramento, California, Special Tax Bonds, North Natomas Community Facilities District 4, Series 2003C, 6.000%, 9/01/33

2,695 San Jose Financing Authority, California, Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Civic Center Project,

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|       | Series 2002B, 5.250%, 6/01/19 ☐ AMBAC Insured  |
| 3,000 | Santa Clara County Financing Authority, California, Insured Revenue Bonds, El Camino Hospital, Series 2007A, 5.750%, 2/01/41 ☐ AMBAC Insured |
| 1,000 | Washington Unified School District, Yolo County, California, Certificates of Participation, Series 2007, 5.125%, 8/01/37 ☐ AMBAC Insured     |
| 2,810 | West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 01-1, Series 2003B, 7.000%, 9/01/38         |
| 2,000 | West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 01-1, Series 2004B, 6.000%, 9/01/39         |
| 1,350 | West Patterson Financing Authority, California, Special Tax Bonds, Community Facilities District 2001-1, Series 2004A, 6.125%, 9/01/39       |

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123,935 Total Tax Obligation/Limited

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**Transportation ☐ 20.3% (13.3% of Total Investments)**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| 1,430  | Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/31 (UB)   |
| 830    | Bay Area Toll Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco Bay Area Toll Bridge, Series 2008, Trust 3211, 11.894%, 4/01/39 (IF)  |
| 8,150  | Foothill/Eastern Transportation Corridor Agency, California, Toll Road Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1999, 5.750%, 1/15/40  |
| 8,515  | Los Angeles Harbors Department, California, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.500%, 8/01/18 ☐ AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)  |
| 120    | Palm Springs Financing Authority, California, Palm Springs International Airport Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.450%, 7/01/20 (Alternative Minimum Tax)                                    |
| 23,000 | Port of Oakland, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2000K, 5.750%, 11/01/29 ☐ FGIC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)   |
| 23,275 | San Francisco Airports Commission, California, Revenue Bonds, San Francisco International Airport, Second Series 2000, Issue 24A, 5.750%, 5/01/30 ☐ FSA Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax) |

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65,320 Total Transportation

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**U.S. Guaranteed ☐ 31.4% (20.7% of Total Investments) (4)**

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|-------|--|
| 9,750 | California Department of Water Resources, Power Supply Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.125%, 5/01/18 (Pre-refunded 5/01/12)   |
| 115   | California Department of Water Resources, Water System Revenue Bonds, Central Valley Project, Series 2001W, 5.250%, 12/01/22 (Pre-refunded 12/01/11) ☐ FSA Insured |
| 1,500 | California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Series 1999A, 6.125%, 12/01/30 (Pre-refunded 12/01/09)               |
| 8,400 | California Health Facilities Financing Authority, Revenue Bonds, Kaiser Permanente System, Series 1998B, 5.250%, 10/01/14 (ETM)                                    |
| 715   | California Statewide Community Development Authority, Revenue Bonds, Thomas Jefferson School of Law, Series 2005A, 4.875%, 10/01/31 (Pre-refunded 10/01/15)        |
| 4,850 | Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corporation, California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2003A-1, 6.250%, 6/01/33 (Pre-refunded 6/01/13)         |
| 1,940 | Lincoln, California, Special Tax Bonds, Lincoln Crossing Community Facilities District 03-1, Series 2003A, 6.500%, 9/01/25 (Pre-refunded 9/01/13)                  |
| 1,335 | Lincoln, California, Special Tax Bonds, Lincoln Crossing Community Facilities District 03-1,   |

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|        | Series 2004, 6.000%, 9/01/34 (Pre-refunded 9/01/13)  |
| 10,845 | Los Angeles Unified School District, California, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2002E, 5.000%, 7/01/19 (Pre-refunded 7/01/12) ☐ MBIA Insured   |
|        | Northern California Tobacco Securitization Authority, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2001A:   |
| 2,500  | 5.250%, 6/01/31 (Pre-refunded 6/01/11)   |
| 4,500  | 5.375%, 6/01/41 (Pre-refunded 6/01/11)   |
| 5,840  | Orange County Water District, California, Revenue Certificates of Participation, Series 1999A, 5.375%, 8/15/29 (ETM)   |
| 6,530  | Poway Redevelopment Agency, California, Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Paguay Redevelopment Project, Series 2000, 5.750%, 6/15/33 (Pre-refunded 12/15/10) ☐ MBIA Insured  |
| 4,000  | Puerto Rico, General Obligation and Public Improvement Bonds, Series 2000, 5.750%, 7/01/16 (Pre-refunded 7/01/10) ☐ MBIA Insured   |
| 2,860  | Tobacco Securitization Authority of Southern California, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, San Diego County Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, Senior Series 2001A, 5.250%, 6/01/27 (Pre-refunded 6/01/12) |
| 700    | University of California, Certificates of Participation, San Diego and Sacramento Campus Projects, Series 2002A, 5.250%, 1/01/22 (Pre-refunded 1/01/10)  |
| 11,305 | University of California, Revenue Bonds, Multi-Purpose Projects, Series 2002O, 5.000%, 9/01/21 (Pre-refunded 9/01/10) ☐ FGIC Insured   |
| 2,500  | Whittier, California, Health Facility Revenue Bonds, Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, Series 2002, 5.600%, 6/01/22 (Pre-refunded 6/01/12)   |

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80,185 Total U.S. Guaranteed

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**Utilities ☐ 4.4% (2.9% of Total Investments)**

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|-------|---|
| 3,630 | Imperial Irrigation District, California, Certificates of Participation, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, 5.250%, 11/01/23 ☐ FSA Insured |
| 3,775 | Long Beach Bond Finance Authority, California, Natural Gas Purchase Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 11/15/35                                   |
| 5,500 | Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California, Power System Revenue Bonds, Series 2008, 5.000%, 7/01/31 ☐ FSA Insured (UB)                  |
| 1,270 | Merced Irrigation District, California, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, 5.125%, 9/01/31 ☐ SYNCORA GTY Insured                           |

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14,175 Total Utilities

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**Water and Sewer ☐ 6.2% (4.1% of Total Investments)**

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| 875   | Healdsburg Public Financing Authority, California, Wastewater Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/36 ☐ MBIA Insured           |
| 2,500 | Indio Water Authority, California, Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 4/01/31 ☐ AMBAC Insured                               |
| 835   | Marina Coast Water District, California, Enterprise Certificate of Participation, Series 2006, 5.000%, 6/01/31 ☐ MBIA Insured      |
| 8,250 | Pico Rivera Water Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 6.250%, 12/01/32   |
| 2,250 | Sacramento County Sanitation District Financing Authority, California, Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 12/01/31 ☐ FGIC Insured |
| 5,115 | San Francisco City and County Public Utilities Commission, California, Water Revenue Bonds,  |

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Series 2002A, 5.000%, 11/01/18 ☐ MBIA Insured

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19,825 Total Water and Sewer

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\$ 487,856 Total Investments (cost \$470,719,641) ☐ 152.0%

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Floating Rate Obligations ☐ (4.7)%

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Other Assets Less Liabilities ☐ 1.9%

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Auction Rate Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value ☐ (49.2)% (5)

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Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares ☐ 100%

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- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to Common shares unless otherwise noted.
- (2) Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional call or redemption. There may be other call provisions at varying prices at later dates. Certain mortgage-backed securities may be subject to periodic principal paydowns.
- (3) Ratings: Using the higher of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's") or Moody's Investor Service, Inc. ("Moody's") rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's or Baa by Moody's are considered to be below investment grade.

The Portfolio of Investments may reflect the ratings on certain bonds insured by ACA, AGC, AMBAC, CIFG, FGIC, FSA, MBIA, RAAI and SYNCORA as of November 30, 2008. Subsequent to November 30, 2008, and during the period this Portfolio of Investments was prepared, there may have been reductions to the ratings of certain bonds resulting from changes to the ratings of the underlying insurers both during the period and after period end. Such reductions would likely reduce the effective rating of many of the bonds insured by that insurer or insurers presented at period end.

- (4) Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities which ensure the timely payment of principal and interest. Such investments are normally considered to be equivalent to AAA rated securities.
- (5) Auction Rate Preferred Shares, at Liquidation Value as a percentage of Total Investments is 32.4%.

N/R Not rated.

(ETM) Escrowed to maturity.

(IF) Inverse floating rate investment.

(UB) Underlying bond of an inverse floating rate trust reflected as a financing transaction pursuant to the provisions of SFAS No. 140.

### Fair Value Measurements

During the current fiscal period, the Fund adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 (SFAS No.157) "Fair Value Measurements." SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles, and expands disclosure about fair value measurements. In determining the value of the Fund's investments various inputs are used. These inputs are summarized in the three broad levels listed below:

Level 1 " Quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 " Other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 " Significant unobservable inputs (including management's assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

The following is a summary of the Fund's fair value measurements as of November 30, 2008:

|             | Level 1 | Level 2       | Level 3 | Total         |
|-------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|
| Investments | \$ -    | \$418,547,006 | \$ -    | \$418,547,006 |

**Income Tax Information**

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recognizing taxable market discount, timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions and the treatment of investments in inverse floating rate transactions subject to SFAS No. 140. To the extent that differences arise that are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities presented in the annual report, based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Temporary and permanent differences do not impact the net asset value of the Fund.

At November 30, 2008, the cost of investments was \$457,582,067.

Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at November 30, 2008, were as follows:

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|---|----------------|
| Gross unrealized:   |                |
| Appreciation  | \$ 8,166,919   |
| Depreciation  | (60,068,762)   |
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| Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments | \$(51,901,843) |

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**Item 2. Controls and Procedures.**

- a. The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rule 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- b. There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 3. Exhibits.**

File as exhibits as part of this Form a separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)), exactly as set forth below: See EX-99 CERT attached hereto.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Nuveen California Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Kevin J. McCarthy  
Kevin J. McCarthy  
Vice President and Secretary

Date January 29, 2009

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman  
Gifford R. Zimmerman  
Chief Administrative Officer (principal executive officer)

Date January 29, 2009

By (Signature and Title) /s/ Stephen D. Foy  
Stephen D. Foy  
Vice President and Controller (principal financial officer)

Date January 29, 2009